

# Goonyella to Abbot Point Rail Project

How to have your say on the draft terms of reference for the environmental impact statement

## The project

The Coordinator-General invites you to have your say on the draft terms of reference (TOR) for an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Goonyella to Abbot Point Rail Project.

BHP Billiton MetCoal Holdings Pty Ltd proposes to develop a new, dedicated 250-290 kilometre rail line and associated infrastructure from the Goonyella Riverside Mine Complex in the Bowen Basin to the Port of Abbot Point.

The project would enable the transport of approximately 60 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of product coal from existing and planned mines within the Bowen Basin for export through the Port of Abbot Point. The rail corridor would be approximately 60 metres wide, with a proposed train size of 10 000 tonnes.

## EIS process

The EIS process aims to ensure that the project's potential environmental, social and economic impacts, both direct and indirect, are examined and addressed. The process is being managed by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) on behalf of the Coordinator-General.

On 24 October 2011 the Coordinator-General declared the project to be a 'significant project for which an EIS is required' under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld)* (SDPWO Act).

The Australian Government Minister for the Environment has determined that the project may have a significant impact upon matters of national environmental significance, and is conducting a separate assessment process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)*.

The draft TOR, which were prepared by the Coordinator-General, set out the matters the project proponent must address when preparing the EIS.

# Have your say

You are invited to comment on whether the draft TOR adequately cover all the matters BHP Billiton MetCoal Holdings Pty Ltd must address when preparing the EIS.

The Coordinator-General will consider your comments before finalising the TOR.

## Important note

We will give a copy of your submission, including your name and address, to the proponent. For more information, refer to 'Privacy' on page 3 of this fact sheet.

## To comment

### 1. Read the draft TOR

- Download the draft TOR at <http://projects.industry.qld.gov.au> (click on 'Consultations'), or
- view a printed copy between 6 February 2012 and 5 March 2012 at:
  - Bowen Library, 67 Herbert Street, Bowen
  - Collinsville Library, Council Chambers, Cnr Stanley and Conway Streets, Collinsville
  - Moranbah Library, Grosvenor Complex, Moranbah
  - State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane.

### 2. Comment

Complete the comment form at <http://projects.industry.qld.gov.au> (click on 'Consultations'). You can also photocopy the form at one of the above locations.

If you have special communication needs, telephone the EIS project manager on +61 7 3836 0667 to make alternative arrangements.

### 3. Send your comments

Send your completed comment form to one of the following:

**Email:** [goonyella-abbot-rail@deedi.qld.gov.au](mailto:goonyella-abbot-rail@deedi.qld.gov.au)

**Post:** The Coordinator-General  
C/- EIS project manager  
Goonyella to Abbot Point Rail Project  
Significant Projects Coordination  
Department of Employment, Economic  
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## Deadline

The deadline for comments is **5pm on Monday 5 March 2012**.

## Checklist

When commenting on the draft TOR:

- clearly state the matter(s) of concern or interest and list points to help with clarity
- reference the relevant section(s) of the draft TOR
- provide suggestions on what you consider would improve or satisfy requirements
- do not debate the merits of the project or its impacts—that opportunity will come when the EIS is released for public consultation
- ensure your comments are legible.

Note: Under section 157O of the SDPWO Act, it is an offence to give the Coordinator-General a document that contains information known to be false or misleading.

# Privacy

DEEDI is conducting this public consultation process on behalf of the Coordinator-General. The Coordinator-General is authorised to collect personal information under sections 24 and 29 of the SDPWO Act.

Your personal information will be collected for the purpose of considering your comments, assessing the draft TOR, completing the EIS process and the performance of functions under the SDPWO Act and other legislation relevant to the proposed project.

Your personal information may be disclosed to the project proponent or other government agencies that are involved in the proposed project, and is also subject to disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Your personal information will not otherwise be disclosed, unless disclosure is authorised or required by law, or is permitted under the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

## More information

For more information about this consultation, send an email to [goonyella-abbot-rail@deedi.qld.gov.au](mailto:goonyella-abbot-rail@deedi.qld.gov.au)

# How to complete the comment form

## Comment on the draft terms of reference (TOR)

Name:		Email:	
Organisation (if applicable):		Telephone:	
Address:			

Section of TOR	Describe the issue	Suggested solution
1.5	Air quality	The TOR should require the proponent to provide more information on dust impacts during construction.

If there is insufficient space in the table above, please attach additional pages.



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